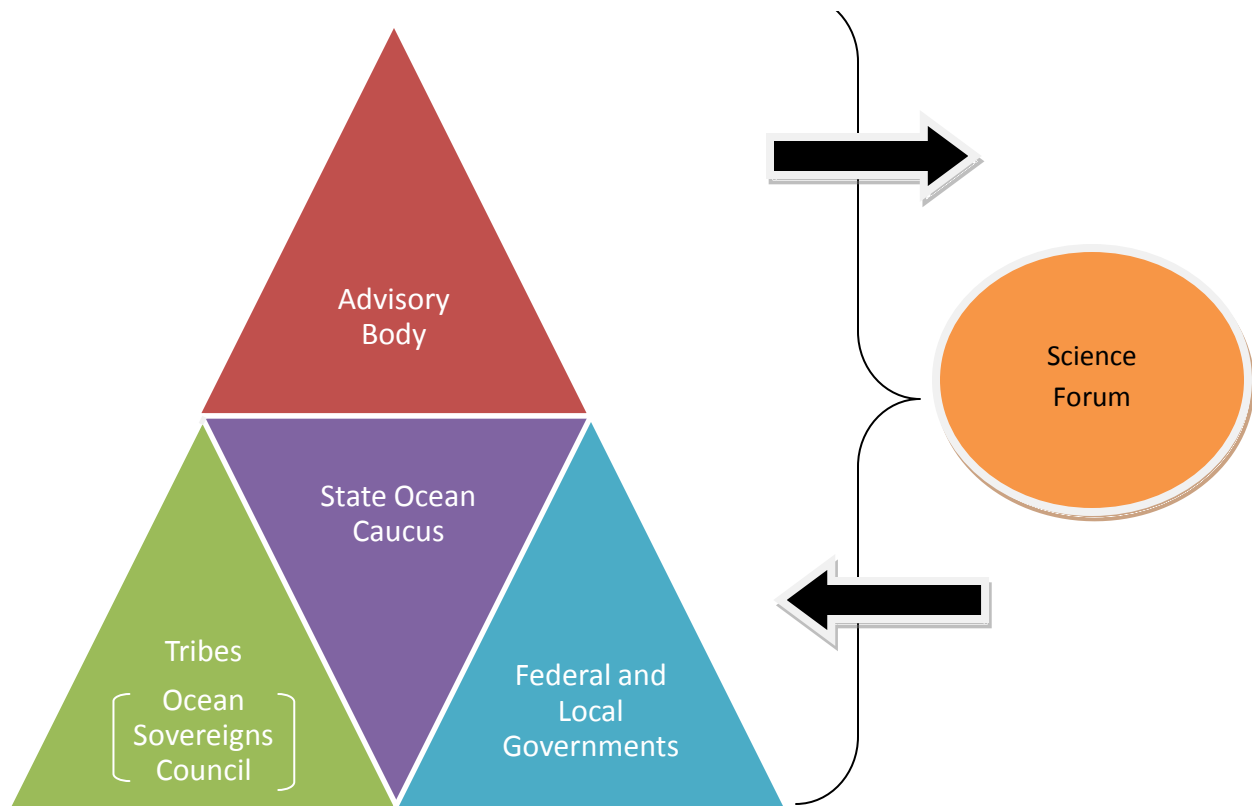


Coastal Marine Spatial Planning for

Washington's Pacific Coast



State Ocean Caucus (SOC)

The State Ocean Caucus is an interagency team, chaired by the Governor's office that coordinates on ocean policy and management issues for Washington's Pacific Coast. According to state law, marine spatial planning process and plan development will be coordinated by the State Ocean Caucus in partnership with other groups noted above. SOC member agencies include Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Dept. of Natural Resources, Dept. of Ecology, Washington Sea Grant, State Parks, Emergency Management Division, Dept. of Health, Dept. of Commerce and Dept. of Agriculture.

Advisory Body

The Coastal Advisory Body provides the state, via the State Ocean Caucus, input on a variety of ocean policy issues and activities including marine spatial planning. For the marine spatial planning process the advisory body will play a key role in providing feedback to the state throughout the planning, implementation and evaluation stages of MSP. The advisory body is composed of local stakeholders representing commercial and recreational fishing, education, citizen, conservation, economic development, ports, recreation, shellfish aquaculture, shipping, science and the four coastal marine resource committees.

Tribes

The Hoh Tribe, Makah Indian Tribe, Quileute Tribe, and Quinault Indian Nation (collectively, the “Coastal Treaty Tribes”) have treaties that reserve their rights to hunt and fish in usual and accustomed areas. As sovereign governments with coastal resource co-management responsibilities, the coastal treaty tribes are key partners in the development of Washington’s MSP.

Ocean Sovereigns Council (OSC)

The Ocean Sovereigns Council is a decision making and coordinating council composed of the Coastal Treaty Tribes, the State of Washington and its principal regulatory agencies including the Dept. of Ecology, Fish and Wildlife and Natural Resources. These members will collaborate on joint policies and priorities concerning ocean resource management and policy issues including marine spatial planning. The SOC and OSC will advise each other in government- to- government relations on how to best unite their individual authorities throughout the MSP process.

Federal Government

There are a number of federal agencies working in marine waters off of Washington’s coast including National Sanctuaries, National Parks, BOEM, Coast Guard, Navy and Army Corps of Engineers who will play an important role in Washington’s marine spatial plan related to federal management plans and priorities for these areas. NOAA will be particularly important in providing feedback on MSP drafts that will allow the MSP to be amended into Washington’s Coastal Zone Management Plan.

Local Government

Local governments already play a central role in coastal management and planning through the implementation of Shoreline Master Programs (SMPs) under the Shoreline Management Act (SMA). On the coast, these jurisdictions are also responsible for meeting the ocean management criteria of the Shoreline Guidelines. Local governments and planners will play an important role in the development of a sustainable and locally supported MSP.

Science Forum

The Science Forum will provide guidance throughout the MSP process to ensure that best available science is the basis for management decisions. Participating members will include scientists from academia and agencies covering a wide scope of natural and social sciences. Potential options include the formation of a formal science advisory working group or hosting a series of science workshops to address specific science needs and technical recommendations at specific decision points in the MSP process.